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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: DEAN/SHARMAN

REF: A) VIENTIANE 3444, B) VIENTIANE 3353,

C) VIENTIANE 2935

1. HOWARD DEAN WITH SON BILL AND FRIEND LEE SIMON (DAUGHTER OF SEC. TREASURY) VISITED DEPTOFFS MAY 17 FOR REVIEW OF CASE. HOWARD REAFFIRMED HIS AND HIS FAMILY'S APPRECIATION FOR MISSION'S CONTINUING EFFORTS IN WHAT HE RECOGNIZES ARE FRUSTRATING AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. AS REFLECTED IN HIS ATTORNEY'S LETTER TO PGNU (REF B), HOWARD SAYS FAMILY IS EFFECTIVELY RECONCILED TO LIKELIHOOD THAT CHARLES IS DEAD, AND ASSUMES THIS APPLIES TO SHARMAN ALSO. HE SPECULATED WITH DEPTOFFS ON WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, NOTING THAT WORST ASPECT NOW IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE WILL NEVER KNOW. JESSUP LETTER IS PART OF FAMILY STRATEGY TO PRESS LAO FOR 'LEGAL DETERMINATION TO SMOKE OUT AN ANSWER, AN IDEA DISCUSS-- W TH AMB. WHITEHOUSE HERE LAST MONTH.

3. WE AND FAMILY WOULD APPRECIATE INFO AT YOUR CONVENIENCE ON BORTHWICK VISIT TO SAM NEUA (REF C).

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4. FYI, FAMILY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SEN. KENNEDY ON  
POSSIBILITY OF LETTER TO NVN FOREIGN MINISTER TRINH TO  
ASK FOR INFO ON DEAN/SHARMAN. REQUEST WILL RAISE POSSIB-  
ILITY THAT THE TWO MAY HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN "BORDER  
AREAS" AND ASK FOR ANY INFO NVN MIGHT HAVE. A LONG SHOT,  
BUT HOWARD THINKS WORTH A TRY. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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